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## 07/22/2010 Minutes

**VISION 2020 ENVIRONMENT TASK GROUP**  
**JULY 22, 2010 MEETING**

**SUSTAINABLE ARLINGTON**  
**Town Hall Annex, First Floor**

**In attendance:** Dave Haas, Elizabeth Karpati, David Landskov, Linda Malik, Gail McCormick, Charlotte Milan, Brucie Moulton, Arif Padaria, Scott Samenfeld, Fred Schlicher, Lisa Weil.

**Facilitator:** Charlotte Milan      **Minutes:** Elizabeth Karpati

**Next meetings:** Wed. Aug. 18, Thurs. Sept. 23, Wed. Oct. 20, Thurs. Nov. 18, Wed. Dec. 15.  
 All 7:30 p.m. in Town Hall Annex, First Floor.

### Outreach:

- The question was raised: who is a member of SA? This is difficult to define since we are not an appointed committee and have no membership dues.
- People who are active in SA in some way could be considered members. We need projects to attract such people. Brucie suggested a monthly e-mail, listing current and upcoming projects and asking for volunteers, especially those with the needed expertise
- We have already attracted quite a few people with expertise in some aspect of sustainability; we should make a list of these people and their expertise.
- SA sometimes serves as an umbrella to bring together groups having an interest in the same issue, e.g. bus shelters. We have also prompted the Town to undertake some energy efficiency projects, e.g. street lights.

### Current Projects:

- **Bus shelters:** A public meeting was held on Tuesday, 7/20, with an MBTA representative explaining the project and showing the proposed sites. Proponents, including SA and East Arlington Livable Streets, were well represented. There were also a few people objecting to allowing anything with advertising. The Selectmen will take up the question in September; a show of support at that meeting will be needed.
- **Composting:** The Town has applied for a grant for compost bins for curbside pickup. Gail and Brucie are drafting a survey to be conducted by DPW. Problem: Restaurants can now get rid of compostable refuse more cheaply by using Town-issued trash bags; paying for pickup from curbside bins would cost them more. A meeting for restaurants should be held after the survey results are in. Individuals may be willing or happy to use curbside bins, but those who already do backyard composting will probably want to continue it.

### Coming Events:

- SA is participating in planning the **EcoFest** scheduled for March 2011. The Town has invited Bill Reed to be the principal speaker. He takes a very theoretical, global view; Gail suggested asking him to narrow his focus to the Mystic River watershed for the occasion. SA could plan a preliminary, related educational event in the fall, e.g. a film series, rather than another energy fair like last year.
- **350.org** (founded by Bill McKibben) held worldwide rallies last fall. This year they want to have communities organize activities on **10/10/10** that help them adapt to climate change, and to report their activities on a website. David suggested that SA could help line up homes for A-HEET weatherization projects to be done on that day.